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Applicant: Vincent Jan Steenhof Examiner: Weinstein
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Title: ASSEMBLY FOR USE IN A COFFEE MACHINE FOR PREPARING
COFFEE, CONTAINER AND POUCH OF SAID ASSEMBLY

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**Amendment and Response Under
37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2003, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Claims 26, 28, 30-31 and 48-54 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims of the application are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.